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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/980,057	Applicant(s) KORI ET AL.	
	Examiner Jacob Lipman	Art Unit 2134	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 12-45 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 28 October 2005. Claims 12-45 have been canceled without prejudice as requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The examiner has considered the information disclosure statements (IDSs) submitted on 29 November 2001, 15 November 2004, and 7 February 2005.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

4. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

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5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

6. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: the word "ahs" in the final line is being read as "has", and "change" is being read as "changed".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

9. Claim 7 recites the limitation "the content" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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11. Claims 1-5 and 7-11, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawai et al., USPN 6,678,464.

With regard to claims 1 and 7, Kawai discloses a transmitter including a transmission processing means (recording medium 204, column 6 lines 51-52) for transferring a content signal (digital information) or processing copyright protection on a content signal and then transferring the processed content signal (column 6 lines 57-65) and a transmission controlling means (control means 206) for holding information indicating a receiver which does not have a function enabling copying of content by using the content signal or the processed content signal transferred from the transmission processing means (column 6 line 66-column 7 line 3, column 7 lines 34-43) and controlling output of the signal to be transferred from the transmission processing means according to whether or not information indicating the receiver which is connected to the transmission processing means is included in the held information (column 7 line 43-column 8 line 38, Figure 3).

With regard to claims 2 and 8, Kawai discloses the transmitter comprises a protection detecting means for determining if the content is copyright protected (column 6 lines 57-65) and the transmission control means transfers a copyright protected content signal from the transmission processing means when the protection detecting means determines that the content is copyright protected (column 7 line 47-column 8 line 38) and transfers a non-copyright protected content signal regardless of the result of decision at the protection detecting means when it is determined that information

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indicating the receiver connected to the transmission processing means is included in the held information (column 7 lines 43-45).

With regard to claims 3, 5, 9, and 11, Kawai discloses the device monitors for a change in connection (column 8 lines 39-44), and stops the transfer on information (column 8 lines 47-50).

With regard to claims 4 and 10, Kawai discloses detection of network changes through plug-and-play devices (column 5 lines 2-5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai.

With regard to claim 6, Kawai discloses the transmitter of claim 1 including holding information indicating the receiver, as outlined above. Kawai also discloses the information is updatable, as outlined above. Kawai does not disclose that the information is held in a tamper-proof manner. The examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art that sensitive information could be held in a tamper-proof manner to improve security of information. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to make the controlling means of Kawai tamper proof, since it holds sensitive information, to better protect the information from illegal copying (column 1 lines 42-26).


Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571-272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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